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IPF CRITERIA SESSION

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1. SUMMARY: MID- DAY JUNE 14, US DELEGATE (AMB. BENNETT) INCLUDED IN HIS INTERVENTION IN SUPPORT OF SUGGESTED 1977-81 INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURE CRITERIA, ANNOUNCEMENT OF US CY 1973 PLEDGE. HIS REFERENCE TO NEED TO DEMONSTRATE TO US CONGRESS THAT US CAN LOOK FORWARD TO INCREASES IN CURRENT LOW CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NUMBER OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS FULLY SUPPORTED IN LATER INTERVENTION NUMBER OF DELEGATES. END SUMMARY.

2. EARLY IN TWO DAY PLENARY DISCUSSION OF 1977-81 IPF CRITERIA, AMB. BENNETT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT ON PLEDGE PER REFTL IN PORTION OF HIS SPEECH ON FUTURE UNDP RESOURCES:

" IN THE CASE OF THE US, OUR FY 1973 APPROPRIATION PERMITS US TO MAKE A FIRM PLEDGE NOW OF JUST OVER \$70 MILLION. OUR CONGRESS IS NOW CONSIDERING APPROPRIATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR FY 1974, AND IT IS OUR INTENTION, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL AGREEMENT, TO INCREASE THIS AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$90 MILLION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1973. WE HAVE ALREADY TRANSFERRED OVER \$55 MILLION TO UNDP FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1973.

"I WOULD NOTE THAT OUR 1973 PLEDGE RAISES THE TOTAL OF US VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNDP AND ITS PREDECESSOR ORGANIZATIONS TO MORE THAN \$1 BILLION -- OR IN THE BRITISH MANNER OF COUNTING -- ONE THOUSAND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

I I HOPE I MAY BE PARDONED, MR. PRESIDENT, IF I SPEAK BLUNTLY AT THIS POINT. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS IS A TIME FOR FRANKNESS IF WE ARE GOING TO GO FORWARD EFFECTIVELY IN THE GREAT WORK IN WHICH WE ARE ENGAGED THROUGH THE UNDP -- THE WORK OF ASSISTING THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO BUILD MORE VIABLE ECONOMIES WHICH WILL RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THEIR PEOPLE AND GIVE THEM A LARGER SHARE OF THIS WORLD'S GOODS. I MUST SAY IN ALL FRANKNESS THAT INCREASINGLY, AND DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THE 1977-81 PERIOD, WE MUST DEMONSTRATE TO OUR CONGRESS THAT WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO INCREASES IN THE CURRENT LOW CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A NUMBER OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE RECENT INCREASES IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SEVERAL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE AND IN THE FAR EAST. AT THE SAME TIME, IT MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THESE INCREASES ARE RELATED TO FAIRLY LOW HISTORICAL LEVELS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE UNDP OUGHT TO BE ENTITLED TO EXPECT SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SUCH COUNTRIES BEGINNING IN 1974 IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST THE SHORTFALL OF UNDP RESOURCES THROUGH 1976 AND TO INSURE THAT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN SUPPORT OF 1977-81 UNDP PROGRAMS."

3. AT END OF FIRST TWO DAYS OF NEW IPF CRITERIA DISCUSSIONS, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THOSE LDC'S WHO SPOKE SUPPORTED MOST RECENT MODEL PROPOSED BY ADMINISTRATOR IN DP/L.281. LATIN AMERICA CHILE (SANTA CRUZ), CUBA AND BRAZIL (SANTOS) PREDICTABLY COOL TOWARD MODEL SINCE MANY OF THEIR IPF'S WOULD BE SHARPLY REDUCED. ENOUGH DISAGREEMENT OR DIVERGENCIES EVIDENCED TO INDICATE ADMINISTRATOR'S PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT MINIMIZING, IN SECOND CYCLE, REDUCTION OF IPF'S FOR MOST COUNTRIES, ADJUSTING DOWNWARD 7.5 PERCENT SUPPLEMENTARY CRITERIA, AND, UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR LONG RUN, REDUCING SHARE OF RELATIVELY RICH LDC'S. IT OBVIOUS SESSIONS WG WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY BE ESTABLISHED JUNE 18 BUT MAXIMUM ACTION WILL BE TO INSTRUCT ADMINISTRATOR TO INTRODUCE FURTHER REFINEMENTS IN MODEL FOR GC APPROVAL ARE 17 TH SESSION. SUMMARY CABLE WILL FOLLOW END OF DISCUSSIONS EXPECTED TO EXTEND THROUGHOUT WEEK. BASSIN

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